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Dear Steve,

I wish to pass on my sincere thanks for your efforts in the battle against graffiti in the City of Casey. You have helped to focus the community on the problem, and motivated the Council to take action.

Over the past few years, graffiti has emerged as a real problem throughout the municipality. Rather than just accepting it, you have taken steps to try and free our city of the blight, and make it a more attractive place to reside.

Not only were you the first person to confront Council with the issue, but you have provided an enormous amount of research and background from interstate, as well as establishing the residents group Residents Against Graffiti Everywhere (RAGE). I can only begin to imagine the number of hours and the resources you personally have put into the cause. This has helped provide Council with the motivation to take action and the confidence to believe that we can win this battle.

I also appreciate the assistance you have given me. Aside from the advice and information, relatively minor actions like reporting vandalised fences has given me the opportunity to have them painted over, or trees planted along the worst fences. The Springfield Ward is certainly a more beautiful place as a result.

However, it is your efforts to encourage Council to develop a total graffiti solution that has had the largest impact. After seeing the examples you showed us from South Australia, we have researched world's best practice to establish an appropriate model for the City of Casey. I hope to see you involved in our community reference group when it is established. It would be ludicrous to have a reference group without our most passionate anti-graffiti campaigner.

Once again thanks. It has been and will continue to be valuable to work with you in this fight. This part of the world is far more attractive as a result.

Yours sincerely,



Ben Clissold
Springfield Ward Councillor, City of Casey

